

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 3 and ending on page 12, line 15 with the following paragraph:

In accordance with one embodiment of the invention, base member 170 can be temporarily latched in a loading position by pushing down on lever 187 (FIG. 4), which is connected to base member 170 and arm 174, to lower base member against the bottom 188 (FIG. 5) of hopper 166. A suitable latching mechanism temporarily holds base 170 in the loading position. The latching mechanism preferably automatically releases base member 170 from the loading position when ~~cover 186~~cover 168 (FIG. 4) is closed due to actuation of the latching mechanism by, for example, latch 189 of ~~cover 186~~cover 168. Biasing mechanism 178 then moves base member to the card feeding position shown in FIG. 5.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 24 and ending on page 31, line 12 with the following paragraph:

Cleaner roller 444 is preferably actuated for contact with card cleaner roller 440 following installation of ribbon cartridge 130 and cartridge receiver 280. In accordance with one embodiment of the invention, rear end 452 of cleaner roller 444 includes an opening 470 that is configured to receive a rod 472 of an actuating member 474, shown in FIG. 17. Actuating member 474 generally operates to maintain cleaner roller 444 in contact with card cleaner roller 440 during operation of printer 100 when ribbon cartridge 130 is installed in cartridge receiver 280, as illustrated in FIG. 3. The phantom representations of rod ~~272~~472 of actuating member 474 and cleaner roller 444, shown in FIG. 3, illustrate a receiving position for actuating member 474, in which rod 472 is positioned to extend through opening 470 of cleaner roller 444 as ribbon cartridge 130 is received in cartridge receiver 280.